

The Gant County Fiscal Court met in Special Session on Monday, June 04, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. at the Grant County Courthouse in Williamstown, Kentucky 41097, with Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, Present; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Present; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Present, and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, Present and Presiding.

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Magistrate Young opened in prayer. Judge Link then led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were: Clark Kinman-Cable TV, James Perkins, Phil Knarr and Mrs. Kim Crupper.

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Motion of Brian Linder and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2007, meeting as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Claims in the General Expense Fund, and Road Fund for the month of June, 2007, along with the transfers needed to pay said claims. He then asked if there were any questions. Judge Link stated that the General Fund Claims included paying the Election Officers for the May Election, and stated that he appreciated all of those who had worked at the Election Polls even though the voter turnout was low. He also updated on the Claim to Barrett Paving Materials in the Road Fund and said that this was for the final Resurfacing Project bid out last fall and that we will get reimbursed from the State on this Project.

Motion of Bobby Young and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to approve Claims No. 01-1414 thru 01-1569 in the amount of \$52,143.73 paid out of the General

Expense Fund and Claims No. 02-396 thru 02-414 in the amount of \$80,716.69 paid out of the Road Fund for the month of June 2007, along with the transfers presented to pay said claims.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell L. Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented the Bids Received for Providing Materials and Supplies for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year, i.e. Stone, Hauling Stone, Liquid Asphalt, Gasoline and Diesel Fuel #2 for Road Department, Hot Mix Base and Hot Mix Surface, and Salt for Snow Removal. They are as follows: No decisions on the bids will be made at this time. They will all be reviewed and put into a matrix form for the Fiscal Court to review and discuss. A decision will hopefully be made at the next Fiscal Court meeting scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>. There were 4 bids received for Providing Stone/Hauling Stone: (1) Roth Trucking; (2) Kim Crupper Transport; (3) Nally & Gibson Georgetown, LLC.-Stone and Hauling Stone, and (4) Hilltop Companies-Stone and Hauling Stone.

There were 3 bids for Providing Liquid Asphalt for use on County Roads: (1) Terry Asphalt Materials, Inc.; (2) Marathon Petroleum Company; and (3) Hudson Materials Company-Garland Hoskins.

There were 2 bids for Providing Gasoline and Diesel Fuel #2 for Grant County Road Department: (1) Royce Adams Oil Company, and (2) Grant County Oil Co., Inc.

There were 2 bids for Providing Hot Mix Base and Hot Mix Surface: (1) Eaton Asphalt Paving Company, Inc., and (2) Barrett Paving Materials, Inc.

Judge Link updated that the Fiscal Court in conjunction with the Kentucky Association of

Counties (KAC0) will also be accepting bids via a Reverse Online Auction on June 06, 2007, at 12:00 Noon local time for the purchase of Road Salt for the Grant County Road Department only. This is the first time Grant County has done this type of bidding and they will be taken into consideration also for the new year. He said that this is multiple counties bidding for this product and it means if many counties bid, we may get a lower price. He will participate in those bids and then share those bids that we have advertised for with the comparison of these bids which we are opening this evening. He said this is called Purchasing Power. There were 5 sealed bids for Providing Salt for Snow Removal: (1) Detroit Salt Company; (2) Central Salt; (3) Morton Salt Company; (4) Kim Crupper Transport; and (5) Cargill Deicing Technology. All bids are as follows: Judge Link asked if the Court or anyone had any questions. No one did.

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Judge Link presented for a second reading Ordinance No. 03-2007-603 relating to the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption, if approved. They are as follows: Judge Link gave an update on the last Caucus meeting and said that they discussed with Sheriff Chuck Dills and Deputy Sheriff Troy Hagedorn the law enforcement contracts they have with the cities or the lack of contracts with the cities, and had dialogue with them about their budget and how this affected the Sheriff's budget which is incorporated into the county budget. He said at the end of that long discussion which lasted several hours they discussed some changes to his budget. One Revenue line item was changed to \$173,000.00 and the Sheriff's Salary was changed to \$71,118.00 to meet the requirements set by the Department of Local Government which is based on his experience and his tenure in office. He said the line item for Petroleum and Gasoline Products was increased by \$1,262.00, to make it offset

the change in revenue and that this was the only changes made to the Sheriff's Budget. He said that this did change some subtotals and the overall total but those changes have been incorporated into the proposed budget to be approved. He said that the budget has been reviewed and approved and signed off on by the Governor's Office for Local Development and it was ready for second reading and adoption tonight. He said that our budget was the first one received by them.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 03-2007-603 relating to the Annual Budget for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for a second reading Ordinance No. 05-2007-605 relating to an Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Map for applicant Bob Aulbach, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption, if approved. They are as follows:

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Brian Linder it is hereby ordered to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 05-2007-605 relating to an Amendment to the Grant County Zoning Map for applicant Bob Aulbach as presented, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing adoption as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented the Road Supervisor's Report for May. No action is required. It is

as follows: He stated that the Building Inspector's Report for May will be deleted until the next meeting. He then presented the Canine Control Officer's Report for May. No action is required. It is as follows: He said that Jeremy Souder does a very good job along with his assistant George Bruce.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Appointment of Steve Tatum to serve as Grant County Road Supervisor effective July 01, 2007, at the Annual salary as set out in the 2007-2008 fiscal year budget. It is as follows: He stated that the two year period is set by the KRS Statutes.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Brian Linder it is hereby ordered to approve the Appointment of Steve Tatum to serve as Grant County Road Supervisor effective July 01, 2007 as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link stated that we needed to appoint Willie Dale Lawrence to serve as Committee for Sheriff Chuck Dills to prepare the Sheriff's Tax Settlements for 2006. Judge Link updated that Willie Dale had recently had heart surgery or a stint put in. Magistrate Linder stated that he had the stint put in and was doing very well.

Motion of Brian Linder and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to appoint Willie Dale Lawrence to serve as Committee for Sheriff Chuck Dills to prepare the Sheriff's Tax Settlement for 2006.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link stated that we have not received the letter and information from the Kentucky Advance Revenue Program (KARP) and that this will be deleted until we receive the information.

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Judge Link announced that Open discussion for the “Good of the County” would be at this time and said that anyone who wanted to address the Court could do so. Phil Knarr asked what the duties of the Road Supervisor were and Judge Link gave a detailed explanation of those duties. He supervises the Road Department staff; he commutes to the Court on the needs of that department so we can better serve the public. He makes recommendations to the Court on road work that is needed and identifies the scope of work on specific roads and will prioritize the roads and scope of work in relation to money set aside by the Court. He also takes recommendations of the Magistrates on road work in their Magisterial districts and balances those with what he perceives to be priority. He oversees snow removal and calls employees in to clear roads when needed in order to make them passable for people who need to go to work and for our children to go to school. He stated that Mr. Tatum has been Assistant Road Supervisor for approximately eight to ten years and is very capable to do this job. He said that Charles Hearn retired in December 2006 and the Court was not hasty in filling that position, but recognized the experience and dedication that Mr. Tatum has provided to the people of this county, but that didn’t mandate that he be Road Supervisor. He was named Interim Road Supervisor which allowed him to participate using all of his skills and experience to ensure that indeed he could provide them with the confidence that he could carry out what they believe to be very important duties, and so his position will begin on July 01<sup>st</sup>

for two years. Mr. Knarr said that he lives in Williamstown out of the city limits, out in the county, and he came to tell them that he appreciated what has been done not only by the City of Williamstown but also by the county but said there is still more to be done. He said there are a lot of places where somebody might go off that were not there before and that a lot of signs are out there that were not there before, He said there is a lot of people who really appreciate what has been done although they are not here to tell you, but they do appreciate it. Sometimes you do a good job but people don't say anything. He said he knows and he appreciates it. He also asked about the Baton Rouge Road bridge. He said it is completed, all graded and cleaned off and grass planted. They have 2 barrels left and they have peoples mail boxes blocked so they haven't been to their mail boxes yet. It looks real nice, but his question is he can't understand why some bridges, the whole thing was torn out and some bridges, they left one lane. For some people on up the road here apiece it has been very inconvenient. They tore the whole thing down and they had to re-route around and he is sure it is hurting church attendance in some places as well as other things. If somebody got hurt it would really be bad, but he doesn't understand why they did that. Judge Link said he did not know if he could give him an answer that he would like but would give the answer which they provided to him. He said that construction is being done with federal dollars and the federal government operates differently than local government. He was told when he asked that very question that those contracts for those bridges were let out or put together sometime in 1998 or 1999, is when the specifications for those bids were put in place. With the acceleration of those bid lettings, so that we could get the work performed prior to the Equestrian games in 2010, everybody moved that paperwork forward quite hastily. No

one identified at the point of which they were let out for bid that they were indeed going to be removed in their entirety, so the Engineering, the State Engineers, you know we might have one engineer working one bridge and a different engineer working on another one. That is the reason there is a difference in those bids. Then no one he guesses re-reviewed the language in those bids again when they hastily put those out to be responded to. He said one of the things we did when we found that out, and there is only two bridges to his knowledge that are being taken out in their entirety, only two bridges. One was on Heekin Road and the other one is going to be on Lawrenceville Road, both of these are State maintained roads, so the gentlemen to his left would have had no input to that work either. They are state maintained roads. The issue wasn't made known to them until afterwards either. We were still concerned just as you have identified. We were concerned about people who would be cut off or not have access, the change that would take place in the re-routing of traffic and it was a little uncomfortable to say the very least. When they called upon higher politicians, specifically Senator Bunning's Office which is where they called because he can control federal dollars somewhat and is well respected in his circle, we thought he might be able to affect some change but we found out to change the bid after it was let would cost a half a million dollars, so to change that bid and realizing the cost would be half a million dollars, then it becomes really a fiscal decision, is that worth it? Is it worth spending another half million dollars so we wouldn't be uncomfortable for that time period which he knew would end in July. We have all sat and prayed that there would not be a catastrophe that would happen. We still hope that is the case, we are not out of the woods yet but we are close. He asked Mr. Knarr if that answered his question and Mr. Knarr said "Yes". Mr. Knarr also asked



about the Reports by the Building Inspector, Road Supervisor and Animal Control Officer and why they were not given. Judge Link said that the Building Inspector was deleted because it was not made available to the Court, but the Road Supervisor and Animal Control Officer Reports were given. He said that we have a duty to make those reports available to the Magistrates on a monthly basis. Mr. Knarr stated that he wanted the Court to know if something came up that he could help with he would. He then commented on the Judge's signature on the Agenda and asked Attorney Ed Lorenz about his second job with the City of Crittenden and whether it was a conflict of interest. Mr. Lorenz updated that it hasn't been. There has always been full disclosure with the city and the county there has never yet been an issue that came up where there has been a conflict of interest. If that were the case though the county is his elected job and would be who he would represent, and the city is aware they would get separate counsel for that particular issue and they are comfortable with that. Judge Link thanked Mr. Knarr and said that those were very good questions and they appreciate questions. It keeps them honest and on their toes and gives them an ability to make an answer known to many others who have the same questions but don't take the time to attend and he thanked him for his attendance. Mr. Knarr commented that he thought they were all honest. Magistrate Linder said he had a couple of things to bring up and he is not sure it was for the good of the county. It is probably a little bit of a detriment to those in his district since they in the City of Dry Ridge chose not to have full time police protection and signed a contract with the City of Williamstown for part time officer and then will hire an officer themselves. Unfortunately, if you add the hours up there is no way that is full time police protection and he thinks that is sad when a city like Dry Ridge is not going to be able to

have police protection like the citizens of Dry Ridge deserve, but he thinks even worse than that is while he was at the meeting the financial condition that the city is in is somewhat disturbing especially in just a little over nine months ago the city reported to the newspaper that they had over a million dollar surplus. Apparently that money is gone and they can't even afford full time police protection. He said they tried to pass a tax increase back in January. Fortunately that didn't pass, but he doesn't see how you can go from having a million dollar surplus to nine months later not being able to afford police protection, and now they are talking about another tax increase. It sounds like we have some tax and spend liberals running the City of Dry Ridge and he thinks that is a sad commentary on leadership and hopefully there will be some more choices for Council next time around like this past time. He hates to see that happen but it did. His second comment would be on a better note. Some of the Court attended Donnie Martin's Retirement party today and he just wanted to wish him good wishes and Happy Retirement. Donnie was his Junior History Teacher about 18 or 19 years ago. He was a good guy and he really appreciated him as a Teacher and said that he ended up majoring in History, so Donnie made a big impact in his life. He also thanked Mr. Knarr for being present and said that if everybody had the heart of Phil they would be a good worker. Magistrate Austin mentioned a new Program that he saw in the newspaper regarding the Rescue of Animals that are being euthanized here in Kentucky and then shipping them on to Illinois or Indiana. He said he would like for us to check into that to see if there is any financial details involved, but it is a program where you can rescue these animals and if they are healthy and available to be adopted here, they can be moved to other states with the intention of supposedly for adoptions. He would like for Jeremy to check into

this and also to get his opinion. He also mentioned the Relay for Life this weekend and said it will be at the Grant County Park this year instead of at the Grant County High School. He said that a lot of people are involved in this and he wished them good luck. Magistrate Young said that he didn't have Donnie Martin in school, but said he has known him since he has been in Grant County, and also Congratulated Donnie on his 35 Years for a Job well done and said that Donnie provided them with two babysitters, both of his daughters were their babysitters and one of them just got married this past week, so Congratulations to Donnie, and thanked Mr. Knarr for his comments and said he appreciated his comments. Judge Link said that Donnie Martin has made a positive impact on a number of kids and has done so in a number of areas in his life as a Teacher, a Coach, School Superintendent and many other administrative positions as well. He is glad that we as a community can set aside and take the time to honor and congratulate him on his many accomplishments that he has enjoyed over the years. He does wish him and Anna Rae success and good thoughts in their retirement. He understands that Anna Rae, his wife who has been a rock to him as was Don's quote, is also retiring and we wish them well. He stated that Don had a good mentor in his father who was also a long time public servant to the people of this county and served as County Judge for twenty years and also served as Sheriff and a number of other positions. He is sure that Donnie learned a lot at the dinner table. He said it was nice to see his wife and Donnie's mother there at the Retirement party today, and he can only hope and he knows that Donnie will be able to spend some quality time with his mother after he retires on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Judge Link told Brian he was not going to argue with him but he would point out the Dry Ridge Council, he is not going to say, well we should not call them tax and spend

liberals because we could say they are tax and spend conservatives in comparison to what has taken place in other parts of our country right now with the way government is growing and it seems like things are out of whack, but he will just leave it at that. He certainly doesn't have all of the information that maybe they had and as Brian pointed out obviously they were in a better cash flow position a number of months ago than they are now. He doesn't think any of us have a good explanation of where the money went and he doesn't know if it is fair to hold the current Council and Mayor hostage as it might be identified that some of that was spent prior to them taking the reigns. We will give them the benefit of the doubt is all that he is saying, but certainly he thinks that people of Dry Ridge will probably be taking notice of the decision. Brian said "Right", and Judge Link said "Hopefully" and believe it or not Brian and he agree on a number of things.

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Judge Link reminded the Fiscal Court that the next Caucus meeting will be at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, June 11, 2007, and that the next meeting of the Fiscal Court will be on Monday, June 18, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

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Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Brian Linder it is hereby ordered to Adjourn until Monday, June 18, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1<sup>st</sup> District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2<sup>nd</sup> District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3<sup>rd</sup> District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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